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Council Takes a Step in the Right Direction.

The Board of Public Works instructed to Have the Mud Removed From the Streets and Sidewalks—The Bond Question—Judge Dillon Approves the Street and Sewer Bonds—Other Business Transacted.

The health committee accomplished a wonder at the Council meeting last evening. It came in the shape of a recommendation from that committee that the council should authorize the board of public works to have the refuse and mud removed from the sidewalks and streets of the city. When brought up the bill was passed unanimously and the council recommended that the board of public works engage the necessary labor and commence work immediately.

A letter was read from the mayor in which he indorsed the work done by T. W. Miller in conjunction with Judge Dillon in the bond matter. A letter was read from Judge Dillon certifying to the validity of the street and sewer bonds; also a bill in which no amount was placed for services.

A bill was passed authorizing the payment of the original amount stipulated, three hundred and fifty dollars, the amount to come out of the sewer and street appropriation. T. W. Miller's bill was submitted, two hundred dollars for services and forty-one dollars and fifty cents for expenses. The question arose as to whether Mr. Miller would demand an extra fee in case it became necessary to go to New York to consult with Judge Dillon in regard to the unfinished school bond question. Mayor Trout explained that while Mr. Miller had not spoken to him upon the question, he would take the responsibility upon himself of saying that no extra fee would be demanded. The bill was passed.

A letter was received from the city engineer in reference to the city's engagement with the Gas and Water Company, in which he stated their business had not been settled as yet, but that he could make a report at the next meeting.

The board of public works made a report on the bad condition of the macadamized streets. On motion of Mr. Loughery a bill was passed authorizing them repaired where necessary.

The city solicitor reported that the Council has a legal right to issue permits for the building of frame houses within the fire limits, but they should be issued with caution. In the question of the city's rights in reference to the superintendent of public schools, the report stated the superintendent was a State officer and could not be removed by the Council, but his salary at any time could be increased in proportion to his services to the city.

This would be in the nature of a contract, which at any time could be abrogated in accordance with its terms, but at no time could the city appoint a superintendent who could interfere with the one appointed by the State. The report also stated that the city could not force the Gas and Water Company to put down pipes in streets not mentioned in the franchise unless the city granted the company 8 per cent. interest on the amount invested by said company.

There are several attachments issued against W. F. Patterson and the city solicitor reported that he had authorized the city auditor to refrain from issuing any more vouchers for that contractor until the amount of the attachments could be ascertained, which would be when the depositions are taken.

The fire board recommended the purchase of a six-gallon extinguisher and six sets of ladders for the three hose companies. A bill was passed to that effect.

The board of health reported the city in a good sanitary condition at present. A new ordinance was passed which makes it incumbent upon the police of the city to examine and report streets, sidewalks or alleys that are in a condition dangerous to the well-being of the people.

The committee on finance reported that the disbursements for January by the city amounted to \$12,581.27; the criminal charges account was overdrawn \$71.95, and the school bond, \$1,812.27. The committee recommended that \$7,000 be borrowed from the sewer bond account to pay current expenses for January. A motion was made to that effect and the bill passed.

A bill was passed awarding a contract for board walks to D. L. Hoffman & Co for \$243 per hundred lineal ft., also a bill allowing the Roanoke railway company an extension of their line on Centre avenue, Seventeenth street, Eleventh street and London avenue, was passed, work on which is to be completed within twelve months. They also received a six months' extension on their present work which has been delayed by the cold weather.

A bill was passed authorizing the board of public works to pave the alleys and streets around the market house with vitrified brick. The Council authorized the opening by the board of public works of a street in the Washington and Roanoke Improvement Company's property. A bill was passed to repair the sidewalks on Salem avenue, Jefferson and other streets, also one authorizing the purchase of window shades, chairs and benches for the court room in the new jail.

The meeting adjourned until Friday evening.

Oppenheim's Saloon Robbed. A syst. matic robbery has been carried on at Oppenheim's saloon, corner Campbell and Commerce streets, for some time. Yesterday morning about 20 gallons of whisky and wine were stolen. Yesterday evening Officer Flick found a five gallon demijohn of whisky and a bucketful of wine in an alley on Railroad avenue. Investigations will be made.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE.

Judge F. R. Farrar Tells of the Trials of "Johnny Reb."

Judge F. R. Farrar, of Amelia, lectured at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last night, his subject being "Johnny Reb." The audience was small, but all who heard this popular lecture felt themselves fully repaid for their time and expenditure.

Judge Farrar was introduced by J. E. Porter, commander of Roanoke Post, No. 48, G. A. R., in beautiful language and with expressions and feelings, which looked more like "shaking hands across the chasm" than anything else that has ever happened in Roanoke.

The lecture was a full and beautiful presentation of the Confederate soldier from the beginning of the great struggle until he laid down his gun at Appomattox. All through the lecture was interspersed with gems of eloquence and oratory and sparks of original wit. Those present were sometimes shaking their sides with laughter, at other times brushing away tears that stole into their eyes. It is simply a great speech by a great man, and every man on both sides of Mason and Dixon's line should hear it.

To-night at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium Judge Farrar will deliver his renowned lecture on "The County Court Lawyer," with "Miss Bertie's Wedding Day" as an afterpiece. The lecture will be for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. in equipping the gymnasium and other matters connected with it. The lecture will not begin until 8:30 o'clock, in order to give those desiring to go to prayer meeting a chance to hear this lecturer of lecturers.

Officers of Uniformed Rank, No. 11.

Uniformed Rank, No. 11, K. of P., held their annual election of officers last night with the following result: Captain, E. D. Tucker; first lieutenant, H. W. Fry; second lieutenant, C. H. Fentemacher; sir knight recorder, J. A. Page; sir knight treasurer, James R. Terry. Sir knight guard and sir knight sentinel will be appointed by the captain at the next meeting.

The executive committee of five consists of Maj. J. H. Featherstone, N. M. Wilmuth, R. D. Gunn, James R. Terry, H. M. Darnell. Four candidates were initiated and two extra drills ordered between now and the Richmond trip, which occurs on the 20th inst. The officers were installed last night by Maj. J. H. Featherstone.

An Important Meeting.

An important meeting will be held to-day in this city, the results of which will make for the good of Roanoke more than any action in the last two years. The meeting is the outcome of negotiations which have been in progress for the past six months and which have now reached the culminating point. The details are withheld until the advisability of making them public is apparent.

The Location Not Decided Upon.

It has not yet been determined where the electric lights will be located or what street corners will be favored with one of the lamps. Mr. Engleby, of the Roanoke Light and Power Company, informed a TIMES reporter yesterday that the location of the lamps would be determined upon by the board of public works and the light committee. Clarence Coleman, of the board of public works, said that the location of the lights had not been settled upon, nor would be till the material arrived and work begun.

Police Court News.

At the police court yesterday morning Tom Harris, colored, was fined \$5 for disturbance.

Chas. Conner paid \$2.50 for trespassing on the Norfolk and Western railroad.

Nannie Bell was arrested for making herself a nuisance and was fined \$2.50.

John L. Dickenson asked to be entertained for the night and was fined \$10 for vagrancy and being a suspicious character.

Their First Annual Ball.

The first annual ball of the Roanoke Light Infantry was given at their armory last night. A large crowd was present and the dancing was kept up until a late hour. Music was furnished by the Machine Works Orchestra. One of the interesting events of the evening was a drill by the company. The boys are preparing to go to Washington to the inauguration and are drilling twice a week. They will take a drum corps.

Mrs. J. B. Botts Wins the Prize.

The committee to whom was referred the guesses made at the entertainment of the Circle of Mercy at the Academy of Music Monday night have awarded the prize to Mrs. J. B. Botts. It consists of Bulwer's "Last Days of Pompeii" in two volumes.

Marriage Licences Issued.

Two marriage licences have been issued this week. One was for the marriage of S. A. White and Miss Mary C. Brown, and the other for Garland Stovall and Miss Henrietta Thomas.

What is the Matter With Them?

What is the matter with the three lamps on Campbell, from Grove to Fishburne streets? Have not been lighted for about a week.

A Wealthy Politician Being Sued For Divorce.

HARTFORD, Feb. 7.—Surveyor Geo. W. Lyon, of the Port of New York, is being sued for a divorce by his wife on the grounds of cruelty and desertion. Lyon is a wealthy and leading politician. His wife wants the custody of their three children.

The Ingersoll-Dixon Libel Suit.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The demurrer in the libel suit of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll against Rev. A. C. Dixon, which was to have been argued this morning before Judge Ingraham in the supreme court, has been stricken off the calendar.

DROVE THE PRESIDENT TO IT.

Why Judge Jackson Was Appointed Lamar's Successor.

Mr. Harrison's Home Paper Lays the Blame on Discordant Republicans. If the President Could Have Had His Choice and the Support of the Republicans in the Senate he Would Have Nominated a Republican—Judge Jackson Interviewed.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 6.—The

Journal, in a long editorial relating to the appointment of Judge Jackson by President Harrison, says: "The kicking Republicans and bolters in the South drove the President to the disagreeable necessity of nominating a Democrat. If he (the President) could have had his choice and the support of the Republicans in the Senate he would have nominated a Republican, but they, by their selfish opposition to the administration and their treachery to the party, compelled him to seek Democratic support for any nomination he might make. It becomes the Republican kickers, sulkers, and mischief-makers, after having thus forced President Harrison to seek support outside of the Republican ranks, to ensure him for nominating a Democrat. He could not, without sacrificing his self-respect, be driven by their opposition from exercising his constitutional prerogative of nominating a judge."

CINCINNATI, Feb. 7.—Judge Howell E. Jackson, recently nominated by President Harrison to the office of associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, is here to-day in connection with his duties as circuit judge. He was warmly congratulated by members of the bar, with whom he has always been a favorite. Speaking of his recent appointment he said:

"I have had no communication with the President relative to my appointment either before or since I was informed of it. A few days before the appointment was made I had a letter from one of the present justices, saying he hoped the President might see his way clear to appoint me to the vacant post. About the same time I had a letter from a prominent lawyer of Detroit expressing the same hope."

"I was not consulted, and as far as I know the President did not consult with any one relative to the matter. I have no idea who my successor will be, but I would like to say a word about an item I saw in a morning paper. It said that I was appointed that Harrison might appoint his old law partner, Gen. Miller, to the place I vacated. Now, as a matter of fact, such a thing is impossible, even had the President desired it. My successor must come from my own district. Gen. Miller is of the Seventh district and is not eligible."

"Do you think the President should have let Cleveland make the appointment?"

"Not at all. It is no new thing for a retiring President to make such appointments. President John Adams appointed Chief Justice Marshall only two days before the inauguration of Thomas Jefferson, who objected to such action seriously, and President Jackson appointed Justice Catron and had him confirmed on the morning of March 4, only a few hours before he retired from the Presidential chair. The appointment of a Democrat by a Republican President seems a good step toward removing the court still further from the realm of politics, with which it should not have the least connection."

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 7.—There is considerable opposition to Judge Jackson's confirmation developing among Democrats here. Their claim is made that he is a strong Federalist, and never a good party man as a Democrat. They also claim that President Harrison had an ulterior motive in view in naming Jackson's successor, which would cause the displacement of all the Democratic clerks in the States of Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan, Judge Jackson's circuit.

Bering Sea Court of Arbitration.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—The court of arbitration selected to settle the controversy between the United States and Great Britain relative to Bering Sea will be constituted on February 23 and will adjourn for a month. The Marquis Visconti Venosta, the Italian arbitrator, and Judge Gram, of the supreme court of Christiania, arbitrator for Sweden and Norway, will not attend on the 23d instant. Voluminous documents relating to the controversy have been deposited in a sealed box at the British embassy, and will not be opened until the court of arbitration is constituted.

Smallpox at Wernersville.

READING, Pa., Feb. 7.—Reports received here this evening say that smallpox has broken out at Wernersville and Millmont, this county, and an urgent appeal will be sent to the State health authorities to give their advice and assistance.

Nellie Grant's Husband Dead.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A cable dispatch to the World from London says Algeron Sartoris, who married Nellie Grant, died Friday at Capri, Italy. He had not lived with his wife for several years.

Commuters Organize for Protection.

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 7.—Alexandria commuters on the railway to Washington met at Paff's hall to-night, Frank Anderson in the chair, and organized an association to protect their interests.

Death of Mrs. Nellie Pritton.

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Nellie Pritton, wife of H. S. Pritton, of Blacksburg College, died to-day of peritonitis at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. T. Gilbert in this county.

All Indictments Against Ward and Fish Dismissed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Ferdinand Ward and James Fish are at last entirely free. All indictments against them have been dismissed.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Validity of Over \$1,000,000 of Railroad Subscription Bonds Involved.

PETERSBURG, Va., Feb. 7.—In the circuit court of Petersburg yesterday Judge B. A. Hancock delivered his opinion in the case of Bell and Flanagan against the Farmville and Powhatan Railroad Company, which was argued at the last term of the court. The decision was in favor of the railroad company. The case will go to the supreme court of appeals. This is one of the most important cases that had arisen in the State for some years. It involves directly the sum of \$112,000, principal and interest, and indirectly it will involve the validity of over \$1,000,000 of railroad subscription bonds issued by older counties and municipalities in the State. The suit is brought in the interest of taxpayers of Powhatan county.

Another interesting decision was rendered to-day by Judge Hancock. It was whether or not the fee of the jurors who served on the coupon cases recently heard here could be taken for delinquent taxes. Judge Hancock held that a juror's allowance could not be garnished in the hands of the city treasurer and could not be retained by him for either city or State taxes; that a juror stood in the same position as a public officer, and that it was contrary to public policy to allow his compensation to be garnished in the hands of the treasurer or be retained in his hands for taxes due either the city or the State. Fifteen more of these coupon cases are to be heard on Monday, each case to be tried by a separate jury.

STUDENTS' GHASTLY FRANKS.

They Cut the Head From a Body and Place It in Front of a House.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 7.—Early yesterday morning two men were passing a disreputable resort on Main street when they discovered a human head stuck on an iron picket near the place. The head had been freshly cut off, and at first it was supposed a murder had been committed. The head was identified as that of John Hanrahan, a well-known German, who died of paralysis at the Northwestern Hospital College.

During Saturday night a party of medical students broke into the hospital, cut off the head and carried it to the house, and afterward carried it on the fence. The college is holding an investigation, and the authorities are also searching for the perpetrators of the outrage.

A Fire in Lynchburg.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Feb. 7.—A destructive fire occurred here last night. About 8:15 o'clock the alarm rang out from box 31, corner Fillmore and Twelfth streets. The fire originated in an immense frame building covering a block, occupied by Messrs. Goodman and Agnor as a planing mill and cooper shop. The fire department responded promptly, but, owing to the bad condition of the water mains from the recent cold snap, the supply of water was inadequate, and the efforts of the firemen were of little avail. All their energies, after they saw they could not save the structure, were turned toward keeping the fire from spreading. But few of the buildings in the immediate neighborhood escaped without some damage. It is thought the conflagration originated in the boiler room of the shops from some smoldering embers that had probably been left there by the engineer. The loss is estimated at from \$12,000 to \$15,000, about one-third of which is covered by insurance.

A New Steamship Line.

NORFOLK, Feb. 7.—Judge Brooke has granted a charter to the Virginia and Northern Transportation Company, the purpose of which is the equipping, maintaining and operating lines of steam and sail vessels for the transportation of passengers and freight between Norfolk and Baltimore, and to lease and purchase wharves and warehouses for landings, etc. The capital stock is not to be less than \$50,000 nor more than \$300,000. The real estate to be held is not to exceed in value \$300,000. Bartlett S. Johnson, vice-president, and J. L. Blackwell, director, are of Baltimore.

Fatal Trolley Accident.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 7.—Harry E. Mooney, proprietor of Mooney's Express, was instantly killed while stepping from an electric car at the Market street depot of the Pennsylvania railroad last night. His skull was fractured by coming in contact with the electric pole, which is in the middle of the street, and his head was nearly torn from his body. The accident was witnessed by hundreds of people. The guard gates on the side of the car were not closed and this led to the accident.

Operator June Arrested.

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 7.—George June, an operator of the Central railroad of New Jersey, who was charged by a coroner's jury with the death of Jeffrey Blowitt on January 19, by a collision on the Hackensack Meadows, was arrested yesterday afternoon, charged with manslaughter. In default of \$10,000 bail he was committed to the county jail. June's counsel is trying to secure a bondsman.

It Pleased the Pope.

ROME, Feb. 7.—The pope is much pleased at what was said in Queen Victoria's speech in reference to home rule. His holiness had many long talks on the subject with Cardinal Vaughan, of England, and Cardinal Logue, of Ireland. The pope said the other day: "Gladstone and I, although the two oldest leaders, have the youngest ideas."

Death of Col. Samuel A. East.

SAUNTON, Feb. 7.—Col. Samuel A. East, a wealthy citizen and ex-supervisor of Augusta county, died Sunday evening at his home near Long Glade, aged 65. Deceased was prominent in local politics.

The Russian Treaty Ratified.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Senate has ratified the Russian extradition treaty with amendment.

JOHNNY GRIFFIN THE WINNER.

He is the Featherweight Champion of the World.

Billy Murphy, Australia's Champion Knocked Out in Seven Rounds—The Massachusetts Boy Did Some Excellent Fighting—Over 5,000 People Witnessed the Contest—Griffin Was the Favorite by Three to One—Murphy Had Plenty of Friends.

CONEY ISLAND, Feb. 7.—In the arena

of the Coney Island Athletic club last night, where battles have been won and lost and champions made and dethroned, another fighter turned a leaf in the pugilistic book and found defeat staring him in the face.

Brusied and fallen, with his own blood mingling with the sod of the ring he realized the full meaning of the awful word and knew that a great dark blot had crept over his record as an exponent of the fistie art. The much-talked-of battle between Johnny Griffin, of Braintree, Mass., and Billy Murphy, of Australia, for the \$4,000 stakes and the featherweight championship of the world, is over. Griffin is the winner, and ably did he prove his right to the title of king of the featherweights in last night's contest, which was of seven rounds' duration.

Over 5,000 persons witnessed the fight. It was wet and stormy without, but the crowd was in for a night's sport and paid little attention to the elements. As early as 6 o'clock they began to gather in front of the club house, and from that until nearly 9 they came in constant streams. In addition to the thousands who attended from New York, Brooklyn and vicinity, many were present from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and the New England cities, all anxious to see the two great featherweights pummel one another. The preliminary contest which served as a "breather" to the big event, was between Dolly Lyons, of New York, and Kid Hogan, of Brooklyn. It was just 8:35 when the boys stepped into the ring. Peter Donahue was the referee. This contest was a rather tame affair.

It was just 10:15 o'clock when Johnny Griffin and Billy Murphy appeared on the stage for their finish fight. Griffin tipped the beam at 121 pounds, one pound under weight, and Murphy scaled at 120½. The Braintree lad was handled by Jimmy Carroll, his trainer; Jack Magee, of Bos on, and Billy Crowley, of Hartford. John McGrath, of Springfield, was his timekeeper. Murphy's seconds were Martin Murphy, of California, and Charles Moran, of Boston. "Snapper" Garrison was timekeeper for the Australian.

Griffin was the favorite in the betting, the prevailing odds being three to two on the Braintree lad. Griffin had a great following from Boston, Braintree and surrounding towns, and they all came prepared to back their favorite. Plenty of takers, however, were found among the Murphy men, for the Australian had once defeated Griffin, and his admirers appeared confident that he could do it again. The coin was tossed and Griffin secured the lucky corner.

The big gong sounded and the men toed the mark. Murphy started out as if he expected to finish his man in one round, and right here the Australian made the mistake of his life. In the first two rounds Murphy was the aggressor, and so fast and furious did he fight that for a time he seemed to dazzle the lad from Massachusetts. Murphy continued his rushing tactics, but it was soon evident that the pace was too hot for him, and he appeared considerably winded at the end of the third round.

Griffin began to cut loose in the fourth round, and from that to the finish the fighting was furious. Griffin used his right with telling effect on the Australian's jaw and wind, but Murphy was also clever and did some good uppercutting.

When the lads toed the scratch for the sixth round both were covered with blood. Murphy tried several right hand swings, but he was getting pretty groggy, and Griffin eluded his heavy blows.

In the seventh round Griffin landed a heavy right on the bridge of the nose. Murphy rushed in as if to clinch, and the Braintree lad gave him the left clear and hard in the stomach. It doubled Murphy completely up and he fell face downward to the floor.

Referee Eckhardt slowly and distinctly counted ten, but the man from the antipodes was unable to gain his feet and Griffin was declared the winner.

Costly Absence For Republicans.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 7.—The Republicans in the senate yesterday morning announced that they were going into caucus for the purpose of electing J. Sterling Morton, Democrat, to the United States Senate. During their absence from the chamber the Democrats and Independents rushed legislation through at a great rate, taking care to postpone indefinitely any action on bills favorable to the Republicans. It will take the Republicans a week to find out what has become of their pet measures.

Benjamin F. Howey Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—Ex-Congressman Benjamin F. Howey died at his home at Dunfield yesterday morning, of Bright's disease, aged 67 years. The deceased was a wealthy manufacturer and was widely known throughout the State as a Republican politician of high repute. He was elected in 1883 as the representative in Congress from the Fourth district. In 1886 he was a candidate for governor against Robert S. Green, but was defeated by a plurality of 8,000.

Justice Harlan in the Queen's Court.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, was introduced to-day by Lord Chief Justice Coleridge to the barristers of the court of queen's bench, and was invited to and occupied a seat on the bench beside the lord chief justice.